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TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF.

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

Ten tons of bright timothy hay for sale at once. M. O. Wilkins.

I want your corn for which I will pay the highest market price. W. S. Savage.

Private money to loan on real estate. Low rate of interest. Inquire at this office.

Persons knowing themselves indebted to me please come and settle. J. L. Burke.

L. E. Humphrey, route three, Laclede, has some young male mule-foot hogs for sale.

Fifteen tons of fine millet for sale two miles northeast of Laclede. Inquire at this office.

You get the Kansas City Weekly Journal a year free by paying one dollar for THE BLADE a year.

If you want first class work call at the leading barber shop, 3rd door north of railroad. Weaver Bros., proprietors.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meets at the home of Mrs. W. H. Woods next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Eubank will fill his regular appointment at the Christian church next Sunday, preaching morning and evening at the usual hours.

C. E. Sutcliffe, two miles south of Laclede, who has had many years' experience as a butcher, offers his services to those wanting butchering done. Phone 550, Laclede.

All who pay their subscription a year or more in advance to THE BLADE during the next few weeks will be given a year's subscription free to The Kansas City Weekly Journal.

Geo. Harter came up from Weatherford, Okla., Tuesday night on account of the serious illness of his father, C. P. Harter, on route two. His sister, Mrs. Dora Mitchell, who had been in Oklahoma for some time, came with him.

At the Methodist church next Sunday the following will be the order of the day: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., Dr. Agnes Edmonds, a returned medical missionary from China, will speak; 2:30 p. m., Junior League; 6:30 p. m., Epworth League; 7:30 p. m., Rev. W. F. Burris will preach and administer holy communion. Quarterly conference Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Every county in the second district except Monroe was represented in the republican meeting held in Chillicothe last Saturday afternoon under call of State Chairman Dickey. The meeting was called to order by State Senator Fred Hudson, and Linn county was honored by the selection of Col. Geo. W. Martin, of Brookfield, as chairman. Chairman Dickey made a fine talk along lines of party organization and campaign work that showed that he is deeply interested in placing Missouri permanently in the republican column. Those from this county attending the meeting were E. B. Allen, Dr. F. W. Burke, C. E. Hilton, J. E. Welsh, George W. Anderson and A. J. Caywood, of Laclede; Col. George W. Martin, A. C. Pettijohn, R. R. Smith, Prof. J. U. White and Chas. K. Hart, of Brookfield, and W. G. Hughes, of Bucklin.

Culverts and Bridges That will Hold Up the Moon

State Highway Commissioner Earle of Michigan says that with the aid of the new cash road tax law which will become operative in Michigan next April and the up-to-dateness of the township highway commissioners it won't be but a few years before the moon can be rolled over the roads of the state without breaking down a culvert or bridge.

Hundreds of the commissioners are replacing all of the out-of-date wood culverts and bridges and putting in concrete culverts and concrete and steel bridges with concrete floors that will hold up anything that comes along.

One commissioner reports having built sixteen concrete culverts in his township this year, another fourteen and one concrete abutment I-beam-concrete floor bridge and hundreds of others who have put in ten or more.

He estimates that at least two thousand concrete culverts, five hundred concrete bridges and two hundred steel bridges with concrete floors have been built in the state during 1907.

At this rate it will only be a few years before the traction engine owner in Michigan can sing as he runs his engine along the roads: "O happy day, the work is done and all are safe in Michigan."

Retaining Efficient Postmasters

From Postmaster-General's Annual Report. During the year 13,315 postmasters of all classes were appointed. Of this number, 1,748 were presidential postmasters. According to the reports of postoffice inspectors and of the department's field representatives generally, the policy introduced two years ago, and now firmly established, of retaining in office postmasters of presidential as well as fourth-class offices who are performing their duties satisfactorily has resulted in improving the efficiency of the service.

Modern Brotherhood Meeting

Laclede lodge, Modern Brotherhood of America, will meet at the opera house next Monday evening, December 30. All members are urged to be in attendance, as officers for the ensuing year are to be elected as well as other important business transacted. A. L. Drew, state deputy, will be with us and assist in the degree work.

GEO. W. ANDERSON, Pres.
Woodmen, Attention!

Assessment for December and dues for first quarter of 1908 must be in the hands of the clerk before the close of business next Tuesday, the end of the semiannual term. Promptly on the first day of January the books will be placed in the hands of the auditing committee, and if you want to be in good standing at that time, please make your payment before the end of the year.

J. CLAIR LOMAX, Clerk.

Cures Blood Skin Diseases, Eczema, Great-est Blood Purifier Free

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, risings and bumps, swelling or suppurating sores, scabby, pimply skin, ulcers, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin diseases, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists or by express \$1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of blood or skin diseases, as it cures after all else fails.

LOCAL DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

Arrangements are being made for the Woodmen and Royal Neighbors to have a joint public installation of officers on the second Wednesday night of January.

R. T. Couch has refurnished his barber shop by putting in a new combination case and wash stand finished in mission oak, one of the latest and handsomest shades in furniture. He now has one of the neatest two-chair shops in the country.

Official notice has been received that the Laclede postoffice has been advanced from the fourth to the third class, the change to take effect January 1. The Meadville and Bucklin offices will advance on the same date, making seven presidential offices in Linn county.

At the residence of W. R. Barton in Laclede last Wednesday evening, Rev. C. C. Hatcher united in marriage Claud E. Gable and Miss Edith Harter, two well known and highly esteemed young people of the Plum Grove district. THE BLADE joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

It was a merry crowd of P. E. O.'s that met at the home of Mrs. V. M. Benson on the evening of December 21 for their annual Christmas box. Each responded at roll call with a quotation or an original story about Christmas. All looked longingly at a beautifully decorated box which they knew held their presents. They were told to take one star and follow it to the end and they would there find their gifts. A musical program was then given. Dainty refreshments were served. At a late hour the guests departed, voting Mrs. Benson and daughters delightful hostesses.

At the regular meeting of Laclede chapter No. 18, Order of Eastern Star, the following officers were elected for the year 1908: Miss Louise Burke, worthy matron; Ernest Benson, worthy patron; Mrs. Bernice Woods, associate matron; Mrs. Ella Standly, secretary; John T. Lomax, treasurer; Mrs. Byrde Lomax, conductress; Miss Etta Dye, associate conductress. Those appointed by the worthy matron were: Miss Laura Love, Adah; Mrs. Carrie Pratt, Ruth; Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Esther; Mrs. Neal Welsh, Martha; Mrs. Florence Dye, Electa; W. H. Woods, sentinel; Mrs. Phoebe Fifield, warder; Mrs. Mary E. Bigger, chaplain; C. C. Bigger, marshal; Miss Eunice Thompson, organist.

In starting out upon the journey of a new year an excellent maxim is that which counsels us never to put our hands to anything into which we cannot throw our whole energies harnessed with the very best of our endeavors. Perseverance is essential to success, since it is often achieved only through a succession of failures. In spite of our best efforts, failures are in store for the majority of the race. It remains, then, for us all to do the best we can under all circumstances, bearing in mind that races are not always won by the swiftest feet nor triumph in battle secured by the strongest arms. It is not so much the possession of swiftness or strength as it is the right application of them by which success is insured.

Some Evening Reveries.

The days, weeks and years slip away like water in a running stream. Time's great clock never loses a moment. Relentlessly, surely the moments pass, and our eager hands are not able to detain them. We cannot keep back the flying years, but we can and should keep the blessings they bring. Hold fast to the lessons they have taught. Keep the memory of their joys. Enrich every day of life with the garnered wealth of the days behind. The years pass, but they leave their treasure with us, if our hands and heart are able to receive them, so as with one hand we shake farewell to 1907, let us stretch out the other to warmly greet and welcome 1908.

May every day be a royal possession
To high-born purpose and steadfast aim,
And every hour in its swift progression
Make life more worthy than when it came.

At the beginning of a glad New Year it is well to remember that some of the best things in life can be stored up only by the generosity which gives, asking for nothing again. Such are warm affections, kind feelings, benevolent dispositions. Every service willingly rendered, every help gladly given, every effort to encourage the disheartened, to teach the ignorant, to lift the fallen, not only performs its intended work, but even more surely reacts upon the doer; they may or may not bring him the love, respect and gratitude of those he befriends, but they will infallibly bring brightness and sweetness into his own heart, increasing his desire and strengthening his power to do good, and storing up within him those dispositions which cannot fail to bless him while enabling him to bless others.

We would have power in 1908 to brighten
Each lot less blessed and fair than ours;
The woe to heal and the load to lighten,
The waste soul garden to plant with flowers.

Renewed feelings of ambition are synonymous with the opening of the New Year. More resolutions are made than at any other time, and as often are they, alas, broken. But with some the resolutions made with the dawn of a new year have been carried through to its close. Numerous lives of honor and achievement can be traced to some determination of purpose made upon an occasion such as the first day of the year affords for a fresh start in the journey of life. We all desire success; the problem of life is its winning. Every person carries in his or her own hand the key that unlocks either the door of success or failure. The true key of success is labor, and it requires a strong, resolute will to turn it. It is hard, earnest work, step by step, that insures success, and never was this truth more potent than at the present time. Positions of trust and eminence are no longer secured at a single leap. Men and women have ceased to succeed in a hurry. The secret of many successful careers is the thorough performance of whatever has been undertaken.

The youth who starts out in life with an earnest determination to be honest, upright, faithful to all trusts, punctual, attentive and, above all, God-fearing, has a promise of abundant success. Though he be without money or wealthy friends, he will be sure to gain all that he most desires and make a success of life. Start today.

Wanted

Fifty thousand bushels of corn. See me before you sell.

W. S. SAVAGE.

HUMANITY ON THE MOVE

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Miss Gussie Bruns spent last Sunday in Hannibal.

J. R. Hawes has spent the past week with his sister in Illinois.

Jerome Brown came home to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. Connor is home from spending a month at Hot Springs, Ark.

Miss Virginia Williams, of Kansas City, is visiting Mrs. Jno. T. Lomax.

Prof. and Mrs. Sipple have spent the past week with relatives at Bucklin.

Attorney H. J. Libby came up from Shelby and spent Christmas with home folk.

E. T. Osgood was home from Kansas City and spent Christmas with his family.

Mrs. D. T. Edwards, of Marcelline, is spending the week with relatives in Laclede.

Miss Lula Felt, of Quincy, spent Christmas in Laclede with her father, Mayor Felt.

J. B. Jones and family spent Christmas with the family of E. K. Welsh on route one.

Mrs. John L. Welsh, of Parsons, Kansas, is visiting Miss Marietta Welsh near Laclede.

Mrs. E. K. Welsh, of Forker, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Jones, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leech were in Illinois last week, called there by the death of Mr. Leech's mother.

Henry Love was here from Atchison, Kansas, and spent a few days with relatives and friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant, of Alexandria, Mo., are spending the week here with J. D. Bryant and family.

Attorney B. E. Bigger was here from Hannibal this week to spend Christmas with his parents and friends.

Clyde Weatherly, night operator at Woodland, was here and spent Christmas with home folk and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Childress and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bissett ate Christmas dinner with relatives at Brookfield.

R. C. Whitley is home from spending the summer at Farragut, Iowa, running an engine for the ballast company.

Dr. Nina Merritt, of Alton, and Mrs. Jennie Spearin, of Chicago, are here visiting their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Polson.

Judge Wharton Wilcox, who is up from Oklahoma spending holiday week with Linn county relatives, was in Laclede Tuesday.

There is a called meeting of the Modern Woodmen for next Wednesday evening. One adoption and a full attendance is desired.

Mrs. W. H. Hamby and Miss Martha Goodale, of Meadville, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Laclede, guests of Mrs. A. S. Byrd.

Mrs. Robert Stewart and W. F. Bottiger, of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bottiger, and family.

W. N. Elliott, wife and little son, of Hawkpoint, are spending a few days with relatives and friends, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Glover on route three.